



### ***Colonel Matthew H. Russell – 18<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander***

**Military and Civilian Education:** Colonel Matthew H. Russell was commissioned into the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1983 from Tarleton State University. He holds Bachelor and Master Degrees from Tarleton State University. His military education includes Engineer Officers Basic and Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, Senior Service College - Select (attendance after Brigade Command), Sapper Leaders Course, NBC officer, Airborne and Ranger School.

**Assignment Highlights:** Colonel Russell's previous assignments include Platoon leader and Company Executive Officer for the 65th Combat Engineer Battalion (L) at Schofield Barracks Hawaii from 1983 to 1987; B Company Commander and Assistance S-3 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. from 1987 to 1990; S-3, 169th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. From 1990-1991; Senior Combat Engineer Advisor Saudi Land Forces, Saudi Arabia from 1991 to 1995; TEXCOM facility Engineer and Chief, General Support Division Test and Experimentation Command (TEXCOM) from 1995 to 1997; Executive Officer of the 91st Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas from 1997 to 1998; Sidewinder 03 (Operation Officer) and Sidewinder 02 (Deputy Senior Engineer), Observer Controller to Operations Group at the National Training Center (NTC) Fort Irwin California from 1998 to 1999; Chief, Digital Capstone exercise and the Digital Force Coordination Cell from 2000 to 2001; Commander, 8th Engineer Battalion from 2001 to 2003; Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff C7 (Engineer), 3rd Army and the Coalition Land Forces Component Command (CFLCC) from 2003 to 2004; Chief, Plans and Operations Division, Multi National Forces Iraq (MNF-I) Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineers (DCSENG) from 2003 to 2004; Secretary of the General Staff (SGS), III Corps and Fort Hood; Chief Of Operations (CHOPS) for III Corps from 2004 to 2006. He is currently the Commander of the 18<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Heidelberg Germany.

**Awards and Decorations:** Colonel Russell's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, 7<sup>th</sup> award; the Army Commendation Medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> award, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, 5<sup>th</sup> award; National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, The Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab and the Parachutist Badge.

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